

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (withdrawn)

Claim 2 (withdrawn)

Claim 3 (withdrawn)

Claim 4 (withdrawn)

Claim 5 (withdrawn)

Claim 6 (currently amended): A method of using tooling manufactured on a vertical press on or a horizontal press ~~or vice versa causing~~ with a steam chest having two shells, each shell having one side wall with at least one edge wall extending from a periphery thereof, each shell having an opening along one side thereof with a flange surrounding said opening, there being two flanges, one for each shell, at least one shell having an edge wall with a drainage hole therein and a side wall with a drainage hole therein, said shells being sized and shaped to receive a frame in which said tooling from said vertical press can be mounted, said method comprising mounting said tooling in said frame plate, mounting said frame on said flange of one of said shells, mounting each shell of said steam chest in a horizontal press with the side wall containing said drainage hole extending downward or in a vertical press with the edge wall containing said drainage hole extending downward, operating said press to close said steam chest with said frame sandwiched between said flanges.

Claim 7 (original)

Claim 8 (original)

Claim 9 (original)

Claim 10 (original)

Claim 11 (currently amended): A method of manufacturing foam prototypes of various shapes and sizes using the same steam chest said steam chest having two shells that together enclose a cavity, said chest being able to accept tooling of various shapes and sizes within a specified range, said method comprising choosing a frame having a section or sections, mounting the tooling in a section of said frame, said frame being

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sized to fit within the steam chest, installing the frame against a flange of one shell of the steam chest, mounting the steam chest in one of a horizontal or vertical press so that the operation of the press opens and closes the steam chest with the frame in between said two shells, filling the tooling with foam beads, heating the tooling by introducing steam into the steam chest to expand and fuse the beads, subsequently cooling the steam chest, retrieving the foam prototype formed in the tooling, repeating the method for tooling of a different size and shape by choosing a different frame and another of a vertical or horizontal press respectively while using the steam chest.
